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IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claims 6, 8, and 13 as follows:

6. (Amended) The transfer sheet according to claim 4, wherein the characteristics of the identification marks are represented by transmissivities or reflectivities to light rays used for detecting the identification marks.

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8. (Amended) The transfer sheet according to claim 4, wherein the identification marks of one transfer region set are printed by using printing plates on a printing cylinder different from those for the other transfer region sets on the printing cylinder, and the identification marks of the transfer region set have characteristics different from those for the other transfer region sets.

A4 3. (Amended) The transfer sheet according to claim 10, wherein

the characteristics of the identification marks are represented by transmissivities or reflectivities to light rays used for detecting the identification marks.